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ILA FISHER MALIGHAN

State champion in oratory for two consecutive years at Wasatch High School, 1911-12.

to the vacant lot that had been purchased for the new high school building, and under the spirited leadership of Superintendent D. A. Broadbent, sang school songs, gave school yells, heard talks and celebrated to the fullest honors given to Miss Fisher, and the advent of the new school building.

A year later Miss Fisher again captured the public address gold medal, the first time in Utah history that the same school had twice won this honor. Her oration, "Universal Peace" was widely reprinted.

Because of Miss Fisher's oratorical success, she was invited in June of 1912 to address the general conference of the Young Men's and Young Ladies Mutual Improvement Associations and the Primary Association of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She spoke in the Salt Lake Tabernacle on Temple Square to the theme of "Three Pioneer Women." Her eloquent address was hailed in the Salt Lake City newspapers as the highlight of the conference.

The prestige of Wasatch High School was further boosted in 1913 when Afton Clyde (Kimball) brought additional honors by winning first place in the annual State Declamation Contest and bringing to the school its third gold medal.

Through the years many Wasatch teams in the arts and athletics claimed honors for their school. The school band frequently participated